

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 343**SENATE BILL NO. 1349****By Haynes****Substituted for: House Bill No. 1221****By Gilmore, Moore**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, relative to state government.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 4-29-1___. (a) Prior to issuing a permit or hearing an appeal from a person who has been denied a permit for a proposed project or action, each department and agency of the state shall provide personal notification to all interested persons who have given the department or agency the information required pursuant to subsection (b). Such notification shall be given at least fifteen (15) days prior to such issuance and hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project or action.

(b) To effectuate the provisions of subsection (a), each department and agency of the state shall create and maintain a notification registry for the purpose of allowing individuals who would be affected by the issuance of a permit to contact the department and agency and have such individual's full name and electronic mail address entered in the registry for notification purposes.

(c) Notice by mail is not required under this section. This section shall not be construed or applied to limit any other provision of law requiring notice.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of each department or executive director of each agency is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 24, 2007



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 5th day of June 2007



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR